

21.4**Correcting Run-ons • Practice 1**

Use one of the following methods to correct run-ons.

END MARK
The crowd was amazed they had never seen anything like it. (run-on) The crowd was amazed. They had never seen anything like it. (corrected)
COMMA AND COORDINATING CONJUNCTION
We built a big fire, the rescue party saw the smoke. (run-on) We built a big fire, and the rescue party saw the smoke. (corrected)
SEMICOLON
Water makes temperatures even, it neither heats nor cools as fast as land. (run-on) Water makes temperatures even; it neither heats nor cools as fast as land. (corrected)
ONE COMPLEX SENTENCE
We tried the plan, it was risky. (run-on) We tried the plan even though it was risky. (corrected)

Exercise 1

Preparing to Correct Run-ons. If a word group below is a run-on, insert a caret (^) between the two sentences or independent clauses. If a sentence is correct, write C after it.

EXAMPLE: At the equator the sun's rays are direct, (^) they are strong and hot. E

- Rain-forest people live in villages, and their houses are small and dim. C
- Alligators lay their eggs in the mud, the sun hatches them. _____
- Cooking is easy, a cookbook is all you need. _____
- Many people collect baseball cards; some cards are very valuable. C
- The first playing cards came from China, they were used to tell fortunes. _____
- Most tourists view the canyon from the rim, but a few travel to its floor on donkeys. C
- Yellowstone Park is our oldest National Park, it opened in 1872. _____
- Regular mail takes several days, but express mail arrives the next day. C
- Tomatoes are expensive to ship, for they bruise easily. C
- The bus driver refused to drive, so the passengers got off angrily. _____

Exercise 2

Correcting Run-ons. Rewrite five run-on sentences from Exercise 1. Use each method of rewriting noted in the chart at least once.

EXAMPLE: At the equator the sun's rays are direct; they are strong and hot.

- Alligators lay their eggs in the mud. The sun hatches them.
- Cooking is easy; a cookbook is all you need.
- The first playing cards came from China, where they used to tell
- Yellowstone Park is our oldest National Park; it opened in 1872. ^{fortunes.}
- The bus driver refused to drive, so the passengers got off angrily.

21.4**Correcting Run-ons • Practice 2****Exercise 1**

Correcting Run-ons. Correct the following run-ons by using the methods given in this section.

EXAMPLE: My dog can do tricks, he can shake hands.

My dog can do tricks. He can shake hands.

1. The smallest dog is the Chihuahua; the tallest dog is the Irish wolfhound.

2. A husky can pull a sled through snow, a collie can herd sheep.

3. A St. Bernard is the heaviest dog some St. Bernards weigh over 200 pounds.

4. A person can see better than a dog, ^{but} a dog can hear better than a person.

5. Do wild dogs still exist? I heard that there were some living in India.

6. Dogs are not only used as pets some dogs are used as guide dogs for the blind.

7. The dog was probably the first mammal to be tamed people had dogs as pets 12,000 years ago.

8. In some ways, dogs exhibit a great deal of variety they vary in size, shape, and color.

9. In many ways, dogs are alike they have sharp teeth and cold, wet noses.

10. The jackal is a type of wild dog it is found mainly in Africa and Asia.

Exercise 2

More Work With Run-ons. Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

1. What sites did you see in Boston, we saw Faneuil Hall.

2. Last night we had a snowstorm the accumulation was over a foot.

3. George visited the historic city of Williamsburg, a blacksmith there explained his work.

4. The farm produces several kinds of fresh vegetables, most of them ^{are} sold locally.

5. Timothy's desk is made of oak Martha's desk is made of mahogany.
